



FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Hong Kong Bureau Monthly Report for October 1981

I. GENERAL

1. New Consul General--Consul General Thomas Shoesmith departed Hong Kong during the month to assume a new post in Washington. He has been replaced by Burt Levin, who was most recently DCM in Bangkok.

2. Water Shortage--Water rationing began 8 October. We are currently receiving water only from 0600-1000 and 1600-2200 daily. The rationing is expected to last for some time. A lack of typhoons hitting the area this fall has primarily caused the water shortage.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Recruitment--Ads run during the month to fill a teletypist and assistant technician positions proved successful. A teletypist who will lose her job with Hong Kong AFP when it automates later in the year is now being processed. We are processing a recent technical school graduate to fill the post of assistant technician. Monitorial candidates are also being tested and interviewed. Some qualified candidates have applied; we expect to be able to fill some monitorial posts in November.

2. Resignation--Media Analyst [redacted] resigned for personal reasons. She is now doing contract translation work for the bureau.

3. Audit--The bureau was audited during the month. No problems were found.

III. VISITS

To the bureau:

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1. Chief of Operations [redacted] 4-7 October.

2. New DPO [redacted] on 15 October. The visit afforded Williams the opportunity to meet old friends from the former Press Monitoring Unit, which he once supervised.



Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

Attachments:

A. Production Report

B. Equipment received

cc: Orig. & 3/Hqs.

Chief, Okinawa and Seoul Bureau

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